



Westwood Public Schools Summer 2018 Update

Westwood School Committee
September 13, 2018

Facilities and Maintenance

43 Days of Summer..... Ready, Set, Go!



- Boiler replaced at the Hanlon Elementary School
- HC push button access installed in the HS main office, Guidance and both library entrances.
- AC installed in 5 classrooms at the Middle School, new Downey classroom, STAR program at the Sheehan, and Deerfield Cafeteria
- Repointing of masonry wall at the Middle School
- HVAC Upgrade at the High School
- Repair of large gym door at Hanlon
- Carpeting projects throughout district
- Much, much more....



New HS Bathroom Project









Kitchen Renovation



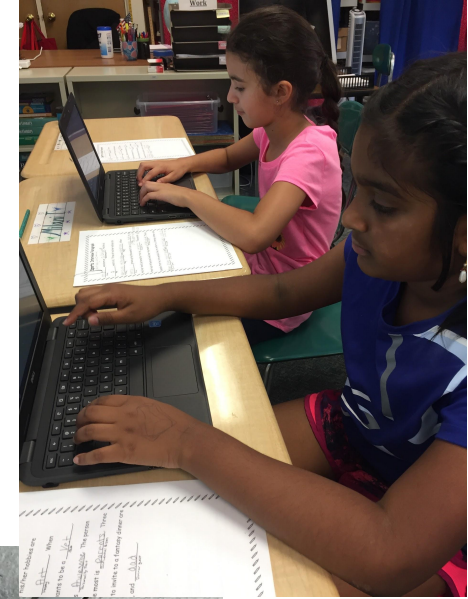
New Downey Classroom





Technology

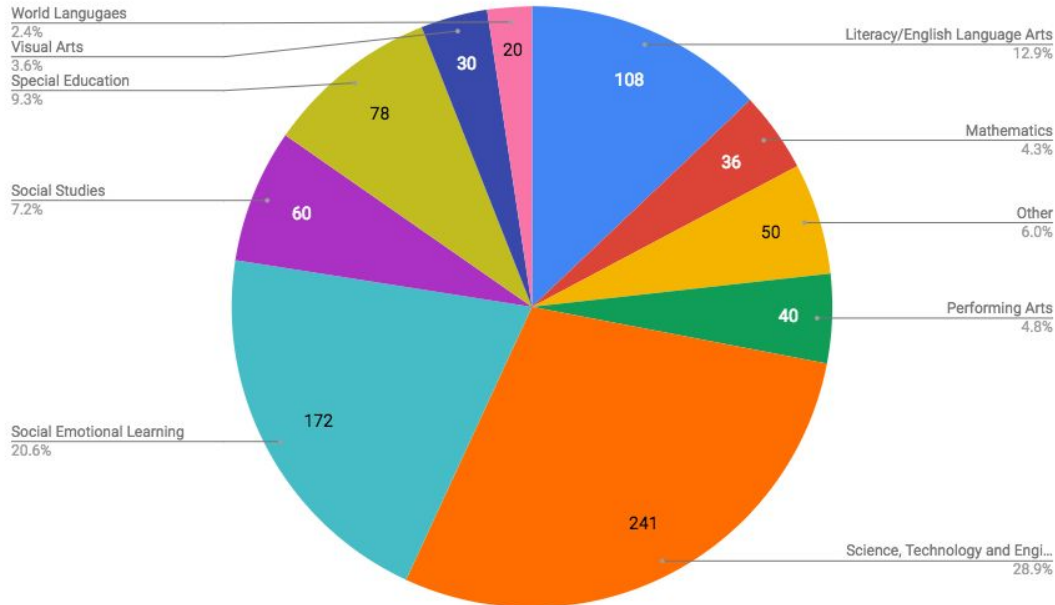
- Wireless upgrade at Thurston
- District Internet capacity upgrade
- Expansion of 1-1 Chromebook Program to Grades 3 and 4
- Parent Orientation on 8/23 during the Thurston open house
- Second offering of New Teacher Technology Orientation
- Privacy contracts rolling in (approx. 100 as of 9/7/18)





Summer Curriculum Development

Summer Curriculum Hours



70 participants, 22 projects, 835 hours

Continuing focus on Science

K-5 Life Science units

TMS 6th, 7th and CS/Eng

WHS Ecology

Several projects focused on Social Emotional Learning (SEL)

Gearing up for Literacy/ELA review

Participation split evenly by level:

31% Elementary

27% Middle

30% High

12% K-12

Continuing Education for WPS Faculty



Race Book List

Novels that focus on students of color fitting into a predominantly white community (like Westwood)



Building and teaching in your community

- Activities that encourage students to practice and talk about various Social-emotional terms: Kindness, empathy, perseverance, resilience
 - Morning meeting
 - Learning Partners
 - "Breaks"
 - Children's literature
 - Prompts

District-sponsored PD: 15 courses this year/8 scheduled in summer, e.g.:

The Stock Market Game

Classroom Laboratories

If Our Students Were Open Books

Classrooms That Support SEL

Targeted PD for TMS and Sheehan: Project Read/Write and STAR Program

Immersive programs and study abroad

Induction program and coaching for new teachers



Extended School Year 2018

We offer ESY for students at significant risk of regression or for whom the severity of their disability indicates that a ten week summer vacation is not appropriate. Students participate in: core classes, tutorials, related services, MCAS support, Charles River Center, Community Activities, Vocational Opportunities, and more...

What does ESY look like?

62 (12/25/17/19) students from all levels (PreK, K-5, 6-8, 9-12)

19 programs - ranging from 4 - 9 weeks

15 teachers plus many support staff (IAs, ABAs), specialists (OT, PT, SLP) and nurses